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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

1. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED CURRENT THINKING CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH "REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATE THIS CONCERN IN FORCEFUL TERMS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT."

2. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL APPROACHES THAT CAN BE TAKEN, ALL CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF LAW. ON THE ONE HAND, THE DELIVERY OF THE COMMUNICATION CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIDE PUBLICITY. IF THIS APPROACH IS PREFERRED, THEN DELIVERY OF COMMUNICATION IN WASHINGTON TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SINCE THIS CAN PROVIDE BROADER MEDIA EXPOSURE THAN ANY ACTIVITY HERE. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, PUBLICITY IS NOT PRIMARY GOAL, THEN COMMUNICATION COULD BE DELIVERED EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON. DECISIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED CONCERNING WHETHER MESSAGE NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT PARK OR WHETHER MORE NORMAL CHANNELS COULD BE USED. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT I INTEND TO RETURN TO U.S. FOR CONSULTATIONS AND LEAVE DEPARTING SEOUL ON JULY 27. I WILL BE SEEING SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS BEFORE I
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DEPART, INCLUDING QUITE POSSIBLY PRESIDENT PARK. WOULD FACT

THAT CHARGE DELIVERS COMMUNICATION BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT IN US? LOCALLY, IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT. EVEN UNDER "NO PUBLICITY OPTION" COMMUNICATION COULD BE DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON.

3. MY QUESTIONS ASSUME THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN WRITING. SINCE THE LAW IS SILENT ON THIS POINT, MY ASSUMPTIONS COULD BE WRONG.

4. I HAVE NOT RAISED THE ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE OF COMMUNICATION. I HOPE WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AFTER OBJECTIVES AND TACTICS OF PRESENTATION ARE DECIDED.
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